



WHOSE SIDE...
...ARE YOU ON?

THE MARVEL UNIVERSE IS CHANGING. AFTER THE RASH ACTIONS OF FOUR YOUNG HEROES CAUSE THE DESTRUCTION OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, A SUPERHUMAN REGISTRATION ACT IS PASSED BY CONGRESS, REQUIRING ALL THOSE POSSESSING PARANORMAL ABILITIES TO REGISTER WITH THE GOVERNMENT. REACTION AMONG THE SUPER HEROES IS SPLIT DOWN THE MIDDLE, WITH AN AWOL CAPTAIN AMERICA ON ONE SIDE AND A PRO-REGISTRATION IRON MAN ON THE OTHER. AFTER A BRUTAL BATTLE, MANY HEROES ARE LEFT INJURED, DISCOURAGED AND QUESTIONING WHERE THEY STAND. IN AN EFFORT TO WIN OUT OVER THE ANTI-REGISTRATION FORCES, IRON MAN REVEALS THE LATEST ELEMENT OF HIS PLAN: A NEW, MORE BRUTAL TEAM OF THUNDERBOLTS!

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A Superhuman Registration Act has been passed which requires all people possessing paranormal abilities to register with the government. Those who do not register are considered criminals. Some heroes, such as Iron Man, see this as a natural evolution of the role of superhumans in society and a reasonable request. Others view the Act as an assault on their civil liberties. After being called upon to hunt down fellow heroes in defiance of the Registration Act, Captain America goes underground and forms a resistance movement.

After a brutal battle, Bill Foster--the anti-registration hero known as Goliath--has been killed. Other members of Captain America's resistance have been captured and brought to the pro-registration faction's holding facility in the Negative Zone. Both sides have retreated in order to regroup and plan their next move.

Many heroes have been left injured, discouraged and questioning where they stand. While some of Captain America's allies have joined with Tony Stark, Spider-Man is beginning to question his loyalty to Iron Man--and the Invisible Woman and the Human Torch have left the pro-registration side and gone in search of Cap's underground, officially breaking up the Fantastic Four.



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CITY:

CONTROL, THIS IS
S.H.I.E.L.D. TEAM FOUR.
INVISIBLE WOMAN IS NOW
BEING AIDED BY THE
HUMAN TORCH.

EASY,
SIS! I GOT
YOU!





STARK TOWER:



NIGHTHAWK!
STATURE! CAN I JUST
SAY HOW *GRATEFUL* WE ARE
THAT YOU GUYS ARE JOINING
THE PRO-REGISTRATION
CAMP?

COULDN'T HAVE
BEEN *EASY* JUST
WALKING AWAY FROM
CAPTAIN AMERICA
LIKE THAT.

ACTUALLY, IT WAS
PROBABLY THE TOUGHEST
DECISION I'VE EVER HAD
TO MAKE, MISTER HOGAN.



I KNOW WHAT
YOU MEAN. YOUR
HEAD SAYS TONY
STARK, BUT YOUR
HEART WANTS THINGS
JUST THE WAY
THEY'VE ALWAYS
BEEN.



UNFORTUNATELY,
WE'RE LIVING IN A
DIFFERENT WORLD
NOW, SIR. I GUESS
IT TOOK *GOLIATH*
TO MAKE ME
REALIZE THAT.



WHAT ABOUT YOU, CASSIE? YOU SURE YOU'RE READY
TO JUST WALK AWAY FROM ALL THE OTHER YOUNG AVENGERS?
THIS IS A HUGE STEP YOU'RE TAKING HERE...

PEOPLE WANT US TO BE
PROPERLY TRAINED, MISTER
HOGAN. IT'S NOT THE NINETEEN-
FORTIES ANYMORE. ALL I WANT
IS TO DO MY JOB TO THE
BEST OF MY ABILITIES.



GREAT. WELL, I'LL GET YOU
DOWNSTAIRS FOR BACKGROUND
CHECKS IN A SECOND OR TWO,
BUT TONY STARK SAID HE
WANTED TO WELCOME YOU
GUYS PERSONALLY.

NOT LIKE
THE *BIG GUY*
TO KEEP PEOPLE
WAITING...

UPSTAIRS:

PETER, YOU'RE ACTING LIKE A LUNATIC. WHY CAN'T WE JUST SIT DOWN AND DISCUSS THIS LIKE GROWN-UPS?

BECAUSE THERE'S NOTHING TO DISCUSS, TONY. I'M LEAVING THE AVENGERS.

I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH WORKING FOR S.H.I.E.L.D.! BUT LOCKING HEROES IN THE NEGATIVE ZONE? THE CYBORG KILLING BILL FOSTER LIKE THAT?

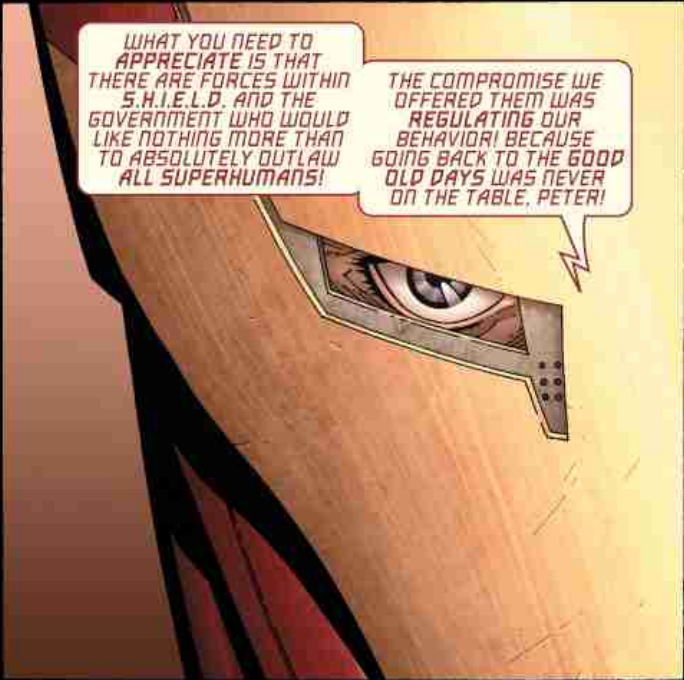
C'MON, MAN! YOU'RE IN OVER YOUR HEAD!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? EVEN THOUGH THOR REACTED LIKE A POLICE OFFICER WOULD, DON'T FORGET THAT BILL FOSTER WAS A FRIEND OF MINE.

YOU REALLY THINK WE'RE GOING TO LET SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPEN AGAIN?

WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST WE DO WITH THE UNREGISTERED SUPER-PEOPLE? LOCK THEM UP WITH REGULAR PRISONERS?

THIS IS ONLY A TEMPORARY MEASURE, PETER. LOCK THEM UP IN RYKERS AND THEY'LL BE OUT AGAIN IN FIVE MINUTES.



WHAT YOU NEED TO APPRECIATE IS THAT THERE ARE FORCES WITHIN S.H.I.E.L.D. AND THE GOVERNMENT WHO WOULD LIKE NOTHING MORE THAN TO ABSOLUTELY OUTLAW ALL SUPERHUMANS!

THE COMPROMISE WE OFFERED THEM WAS REGULATING OUR BEHAVIOR! BECAUSE GOING BACK TO THE GOOD OLD DAYS WAS NEVER ON THE TABLE, PETER!



GET OUT OF MY WAY...



DON'T BE A FOOL! YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN JUST GO BACK TO YOUR OLD LIFE NOW THAT EVERYONE KNOWS WHO YOU ARE?

THIS ISN'T JUST ABOUT YOU ANYMORE! WHAT ABOUT MAY? WHAT ABOUT MARY JANE?









STARK, THIS IS MARIA HILL. I JUST GOT WORD THAT SPIDER-MAN HAS GONE ROGUE. REMAIN IN THE AREA AND WAIT FOR BACKUP. I'M PULLING IN EVERY AGENT ON THE GROUND.

MARIA, WAIT! I JUST NEED TO TALK TO HIM...

REQUEST DENIED, STARK. OVER AND OUT.



T-BOLTS DIVISION, I WANT FOURTEEN OPERATIVES ACTIVATED ON A SIXTY MINUTE TRIAL! I KNOW WE WERE SAVING THEM FOR THE FINAL BATTLE, BUT SITUATION IS CRITICAL!

INVISIBLE MODE ESSENTIAL AT ALL TIMES! OPERATION THUNDERBOLTS IS STILL TOP SECRET!

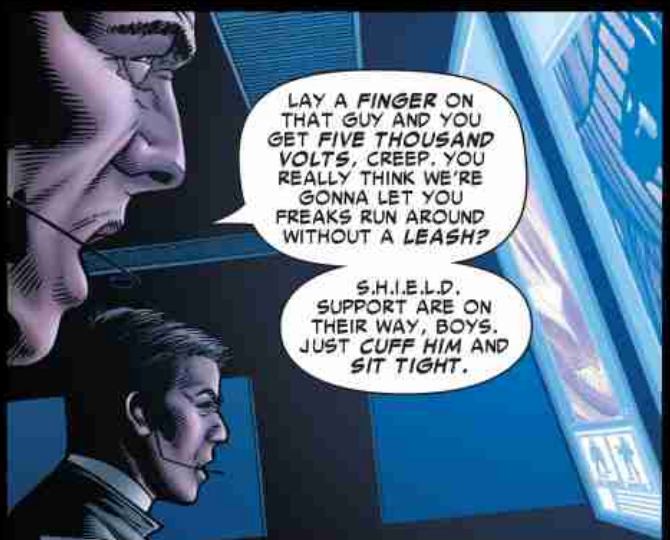
WHATEVER YOU SAY, COMMANDER HILL.



I KNEW WE COULDN'T TRUST THAT GUY.

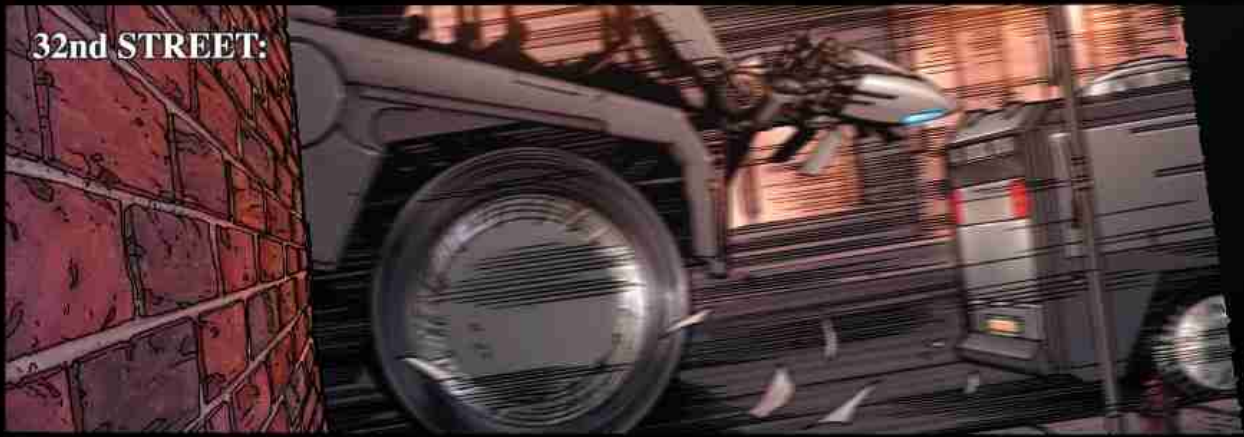








32nd STREET:



YOU THINK
THEY SAW
US?

EVEN IF THEY DID, WHAT'S
THERE TO SEE? WE'RE NOT
THE HUMAN TORCH AND THE
INVISIBLE WOMAN ANYMORE.
WE'RE MR. AND MRS. RYAN
LANDAU AND WE'RE OUT
FOR A MIDNIGHT
STROLL.

I'M STILL ANNOYED NICK FURY
COULDN'T FIND US ANY **BROTHER
AND SISTER** IDENTITIES. PRETENDING
WE'RE A MARRIED COUPLE IS THE
CREEPIEST THING I'VE
EVER DONE.

HOW DO YOU THINK I
FEEL, SIS? YOU LOOK
LIKE MY LAST DATE'S
GRANDMOTHER...

STILL, IT LETS US GET OUT
THERE TO HELP PEOPLE, AND
THAT'S WHAT'S IMPORTANT,
RIGHT?

CAPTAIN AMERICA'S NEW H.Q.:

TAKE IT EASY,
GUYS. IT'S ONLY
JOHNNY AND SUE
BACK FROM A
MISSION.





YOU HEAR ABOUT CLOAK AND DAGGER?

NO, WHAT HAPPENED?

BUSTED OVER IN QUEENS, WHICH MEANS OUR BAXTER BUILDING RAID NEEDS TO BE REVISED BECAUSE I WAS COUNTING ON CLOAK FOR HIS TELEPORTATION SKILLS.



DAMN S.H.I.E.L.D. UNITS.

WE'VE LOST A MAN FOR EVERY ONE WE'VE GAINED THESE PAST FEW DAYS.



MAYBE I COULD RAID THE FF'S FILES, CAP. I COULD SHAPE-SHIFT INTO ONE OF THEIR STAFF AND WALTZ THROUGH SECURITY NO PROBLEM.



GOT A BIGGER JOB FOR YOU IN ARIZONA, HULKLING. LIKEWISE, THE INVISIBLE WOMAN ALREADY HAS AN EQUALLY PRESSING ASSIGNMENT.



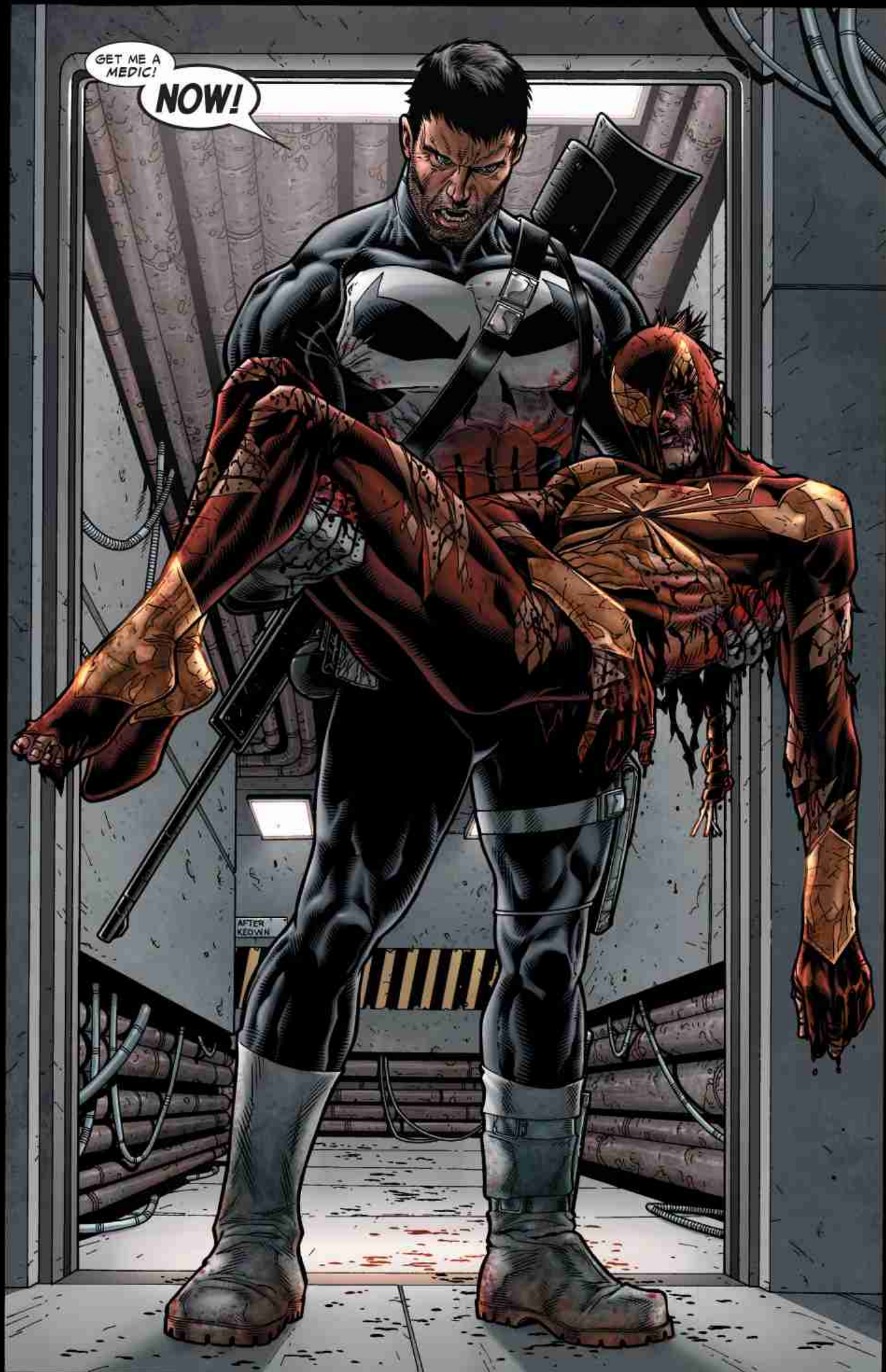
WHAT'S BIGGER THAN STEALING THE PLANS FOR THEIR NEGATIVE ZONE PRISON? WE GET IN THERE AND FREE OUR PEOPLE, AND THIS STARTS LOOKING LIKE A FAIR FIGHT AGAIN.

WHY THE HELL DOES HE CALL IT NUMBER FORTY-TWO ANYWAY?

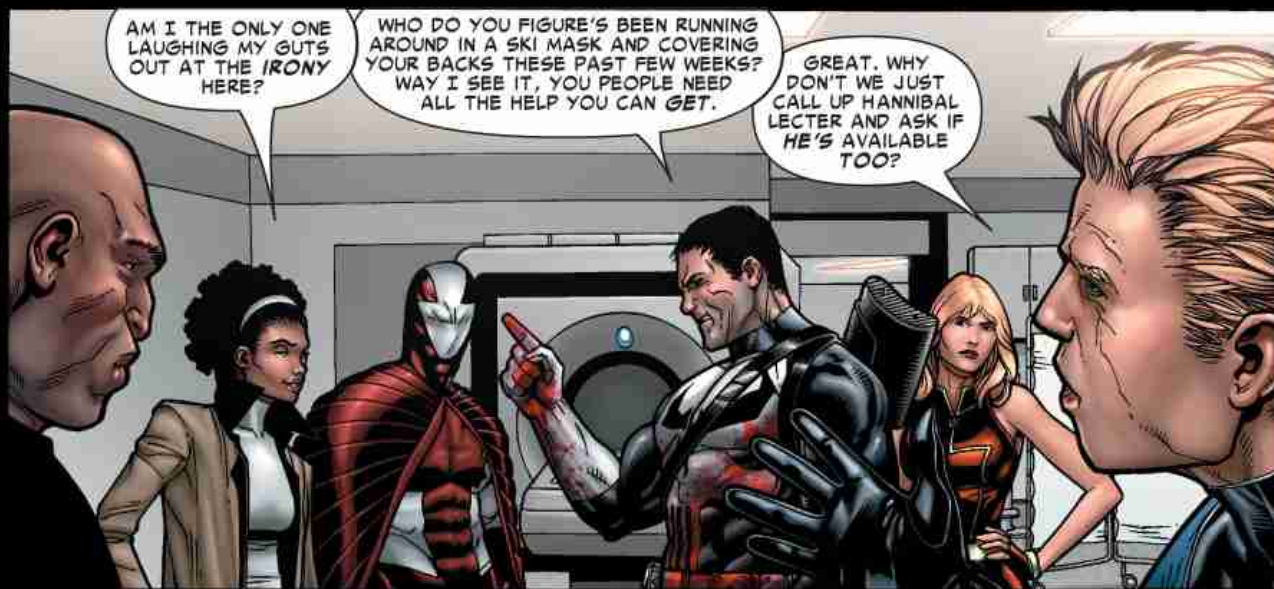
KNOWING TONY STARK, IT'LL HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH HIS MOTHER...

GET ME A
MEDIC!

NOW!







HELL'S KITCHEN:

THIS IS HORRIBLE.

THE PUBLIC'S BEHIND US, THE GOVERNMENT'S BEHIND US, CRIME IS AT AN ALL-TIME LOW. WHY ARE OUR OWN PEOPLE THE ONLY ONES CAUSING PROBLEMS, JENNIFER?

SOMETIMES I WISH WE'D NEVER GOTTEN INVOLVED. DO YOU EVER STOP TO THINK HOW MUCH EASIER THINGS WOULD BE IF WE HADN'T SPLICED THOR'S DNA WITH HANK PYM'S CYBER-TECH?

IF WE DIDN'T HAVE THIS BIG FINAL BATTLE PLANNED WITH ALL THOSE THUNDERBOLT LUNATICS?

HANK WOULDN'T BE DOPED-UP ON ANTI-DEPRESSANTS AND MY DARLING SUE WOULD NEVER HAVE LEFT ...

MAYBE NOT. BUT PUBLIC OPINION WOULD HAVE FORCED S.H.I.E.L.D. TO BRING DOWN EVERY SUPER HERO IN AMERICA.

PEOPLE WERE SICK OF SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD KIDS BLOWING UP BUILDINGS, REED.

YOU GUYS GAVE US ALL A FUTURE.



RYKER'S ISLAND PENITENTIARY:



YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND WHY WE'RE **DOING** THIS, DAREDEVIL. WE DON'T TAKE ANY PLEASURE IN HUNTING DOWN OUR FRIENDS.

WE'RE BACKING THESE REFORMS BECAUSE THE ONLY OTHER OPTION IS A **COMPLETE BAN ON ALL SUPER HEROES**. AND NOBODY WANTS THAT TO HAPPEN, RIGHT?

GATEWAY IS ACTIVE! PROCEEDING THROUGH!



OUR BIG IDEA IS FIFTY SUPER-TEAMS SPREAD OVER ALL FIFTY STATES, EACH ONE LICENSED AND ACCOUNTABLE TO THE TAXPAYER.

IT'S THE NEXT STAGE IN SUPERHUMAN EVOLUTION: A **FEDERAL FORCE FROM COAST-TO-COAST**.



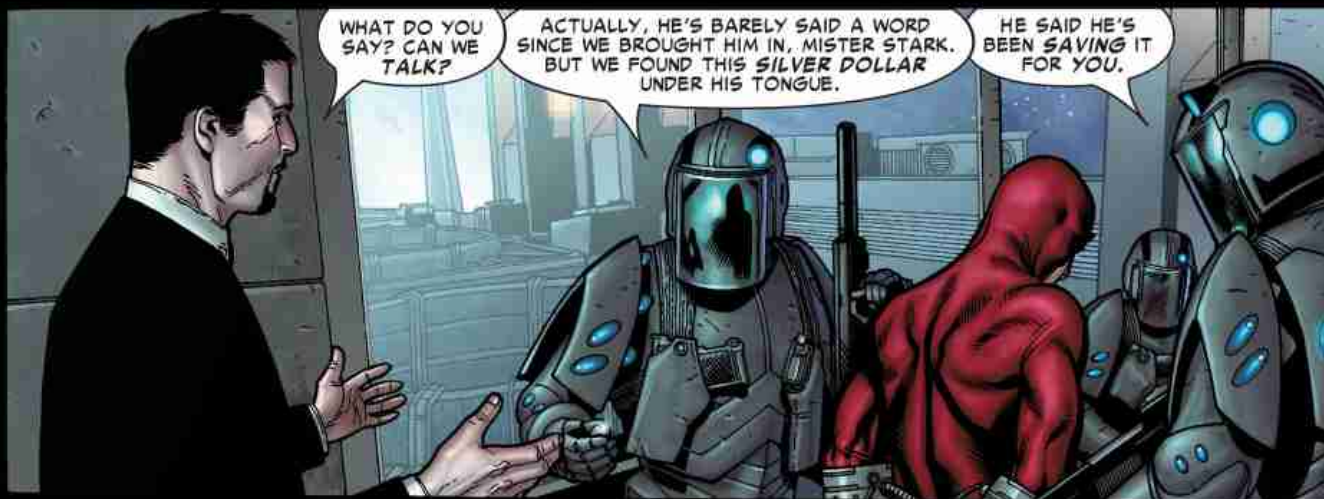
THE NEGATIVE ZONE:

WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS FOR MONTHS, CREATING NEW SUPER HEROES AND REVAMPING ANYONE WHO WANTS TO **JOIN US**.

NATURALLY, YOU'D BE AT THE TOP OF OUR LIST IF YOU WERE INTERESTED. YOU COULD EVEN HAVE YOUR OWN TEAM.



NOBODY
WANTS TO
PUT YOU
IN JAIL.





ZOMBIE